

Amesbury Municipal Council Minutes  
Tuesday, February 9, 2010  
7:00PM Town Hall Auditorium

Call to Order – 7:03PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Dunford

Roll Call: Stephen Dunford, Anne Ferguson, Robert Gilday, James Kelcourse, Derek Kimball, Joseph McMilleon, Allen Neale, Mary Chatigny, Robert Lavoie

Act on Minutes – January 12, 2010, January 28, 2010

Councilor Chatigny motioned to accept 1/12/10, Councilor Dunford second – Voted Unanimous

Councilor Neale motioned to accept 1/28/10, Councilor McMilleon second – Voted Unanimous

**2010-017** Joint Meeting with Board of Library Trustees

Summary: To fill the vacancy left by Christine Johnson term to expire 2011

Jane Ward called the Board of Library Trustees meeting to order.

Roll Call: Jane Ward, Johanna Hoyt Kimball, Mary Dunford, David Oxtan, Peter Sheridan, Phillip Merrill

Jonathan Sherwood, 39 Whittier Street is the only applicant.

Councilor Neale motioned to nominate Jonathan Sherwood to the Board of Library Trustees, Councilor Chatigny second.

Roll Call Vote

Board of Library Trustee: 6 Yes (Ward, Kimball, Dunford, Oxtan, Sheridan, Merrill)

Council: 9 Yes (Dunford, Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, McMilleon, Neale, Chatigny, Lavoie)

President Lavoie closed the Joint Meeting with the Board of Library Trustees  
Trustee Kimball closed the Meeting of the Board of Library Trustees

Licenses and Permits

**2010-006** General Business License – Bangin Gear, 24 School Street

President Lavoie read 2010-006 into the record.

Paul Buckles, 10 Jewell St., South Hampton, NH represented the clothing store Bangin Gear. He stated it is a clothing store geared to the ages 18 to 25 offering brand name clothes.

Councilor Kimball motioned to accept 2010-006 subject to all the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second – Voted – Unanimous

**2010-007** Junk Dealers License – Thrifty Threads/Coastal Connections, Inc., 35 Water St.

President Lavoie read 2010-007 into the record.

Martha Daigle represented Thrifty Threads/Coastal Connections, 35 Water St. She stated Coastal Connections is a non profit organization for adults with disabilities. The thrift shop used by the schools and they are in partnership with Pettengil House.

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept 2010-007 subject to the usual stipulations, Councilor Ferguson second – Voted Unanimous

### **Mayoral Appointments**

**2010-008** Rosemary Werner – Health Care Trust Comm. – term to expire 2/9/13

President Lavoie read 2010-008 into the record.

Councilor Ferguson motion to accept 2010-008 term to expire 2/9/13, Councilor McMilleon second.  
Voted - Unanimous

**2010-009** Michael Towle – Tree Board – term to expire 2/9/13

President Lavoie read 2010-009 into the record.

Councilor Neale motioned to accept 2010-009 term to expire 2/9/13, Councilor Ferguson second.  
Voted - Unanimous

**2010-010** Robert Orem – Zoning Board of Appeals – term to expire 2/9/13

President Lavoie read 2010-010 into the record.

Mr. Orem stated he just moved to Amesbury and is interested in providing a service to the town.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to accept 2010-010, Councilor Kimball second.  
Voted Unanimous

**2010-011** Donna Gilberti – Lakes and Waterways Commission – term to expire 2/9/12

President Lavoie read 2010-011 into the record.

Ms. Gilberti stated she enjoys all the outdoor activities Amesbury has to offer and wants to see them continue to flourish.

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to accept 2010-011, Councilor Neale second.  
Voted - Unanimous

**2010-012** Re-appointments: Robert Gaudet – Board of Registrars term 3/31/10 – 3/31/13

James Humphries III – Constable term 3/31/11- 3/31/13

President Lavoie read 2010-012 into the record.

Councilor Kimball motioned to accept 2010 -012, Councilor Neale second.  
Voted - Unanimous

### **Public Comment**

Mario Pinierio, 4 Gardner St. – Mr. Pinierio thanked the Fire Department for their excellent ambulance service.

Jane Snow, 44 Fern Ave – Ms. Snow stated how she appreciated seeing all the departments represented at the State of the City address.

Alison Lindstrom, 10 Wells Ave. – Ms. Lindstrom is not in favor of the transportation center and passed out a list of questions she has regarding it.

Claude Gonthier, 112 Kimball Road – Mr. Gonthier would like a prohibition against storing home heating oil near the town water supply or around the lakes.

### **Council Response to Public Comment**

Councilor Gilday thought good points were raised about the transportation center, home heating oil storage and the fire department. Councilor Dunford encouraged Mr. Gonthier to work with his councilor to get a bill submitted regarding home heating oil. Councilor McMilleon and Councilor Kelcourse agreed with Ms. Lindstrom; there are a lot of questions about the transportation center and thanked her for putting her questions in writing. President Lavoie stated he met with the Mayor about the transportation center and all questions will be answered in the Finance Committee. He stated the plans for the transportation center have already gone to the Planning Board for review and all questions about the site and traffic have been answered and a special permit was issued. Councilor Kimball stated he found the workshop on union contracts to be very informative and is willing to share anything he learned with anyone that would like to contact him.

### **Second Reading/Public Hearings – None at this time.**

#### **First Readings**

**2010-013** An Order to convey property located at 18 Water Street for the MVRTA Transportation Center – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Summary: The Order intends to transfer .40 acres from the Public Works yard to the MVRTA for the new Transportation Building and to meet local match requirements for federal and state funding for the project.

President Lavoie read 2010-013 into the record.

Councilor Dunford motion send 2010-013 to the Finance Committee, Ordinance Committee, Planning Board and schedule a public hearing, Councilor Ferguson second.

Voted - Unanimous

**2010-014** An Order to request the Municipal Council to vote to appropriate \$1,500,000 for the build out of the MVRTA building located at 68 Elm St and 18 Water St – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Summary: The MVRTA is constructing a new transportation center in the lower millard as a hub for bus transportation. The Town is responsible for the build out of the space which will house the senior center and health & human services functions.

President Lavoie read 2010-014 into the record.

Councilor Dunford motioned to send 2010-014 to the Finance Committee and schedule a public hearing, Councilor Kelcourse second.

Voted - Unanimous

**2010-015** A Resolution that the Amesbury Municipal Council fully supports the Town of Amesbury's application for \$1,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant monies – Councilor Chatigny sponsor

Summary: A resolution that the Amesbury Municipal Council fully supports the Town of Amesbury's application for \$1,000,000 in Community Development Block Grant monies.

Councilor McMilleon read 2010-015 into the record.

Councilor Chatigny motioned that the council adopt 2010-015, Councilor McMilleon second. Joseph Fahey, Director of Community and Economic Development gave an overview of the grant. Roll Call Vote – 9 Yes (Dunford, Ferguson, Gilday, Kelcourse, Kimball, McMilleon, Neale, Chatigny, Lavoie)

Recess 8:00 – 810PM

Correspondence and Other Business

a. President/Vice President Communications

**2010-016** January Grants Report

Councilor McMilleon read the January Grants Report

b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

**2010-018** A Resolution to Concur with the Revised Purchase and Sale Agreement between the Town of Amesbury and Fafard Real Estate – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Note: to be acted on at the Council's February 23, 2010 special meeting.

c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

(i) Committee Appointments

Rule 11A-3 Ordinance Committee: Councilor Gilday, Kelcourse and Kimball. Atty Len Johnson

Councilor Gilday stated that Mr. Christian Scorzoni, 24 Monroe Street has asked to be appointed to the Ordinance Committee and he therefore nominated him, President Lavoie appointed him.

Councilor Neale motioned to approve that the Ordinance Committee be comprised of Councilors Gilday, Kelcourse and Kimball, Len Johnson and Christian Scorzoni, Councilor Dunford asked that the motion be tabled in order to have Mr. Scorzoni attend a meeting, President Lavoie agreed, it will be added to the agenda for the meeting on 2/23/10.

Rule 11A-2 Audit and Oversight Committee: Councilors Chatigny, Dunford and Neale

Rule 11A-4 Council Rules and Procedures Committee: Councilors Ferguson, Chatigny and Neale

Transportation Committee: Councilor Ferguson

Master Plan Implementation Committee: TBA 2/23/10

Chamber of Commerce: Councilor Kimball

Unanimous consent was given by the entire council for the above appointments

(ii) Proposed Council Ad-hoc Committee on Budget and Taxes

President Lavoie and Councilor McMilleon decided against forming this committee

(iii) Proposed Citizens Advisory Group to Assist the Budget and Tax Committee

**2010-019** Amesbury Municipal Council Resolution to create Ad Hoc Citizens Advisory Committee

Discussion continued on the merits of creating this committee, its role and the function of the committee once created.

Councilor Dunford motioned to adopt 2010-019, Councilor Kelcourse second.

Councilor Kimball motioned to amend the resolution to report to the Council by April 1, 2010, Voted Unanimous

2010-019 Voted – Unanimous

Appointed to 2010-019: Chair, Jonathan Sherwood, Susan Dieker, Lane Glenn, Dave Harachi, Suzanne McLaughlin, Norman Moriss, Jane Snow, Valentino Troyli, Chris York  
Unanimous Vote on the appointments.

Adjourn